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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98(d), the applicants would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner, the references cited in the following patent application:

U.S. Serial No. 10/183,226, filed June 26, 2002, pending.

The subject application claims the benefit under 35 USC §120 of the filing date of the above application. The applicants respectfully requests that the copies of references supplied in the Information Disclosure Statements of the above-mentioned application, as well as the references cited during prosecution thereof, be made of record in the subject application. As copies of all of the references filed in the parent application, and cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08, will be found in the parent casefile, copies of those references are not provided herewith.

The applicants respectfully assert that the substantive provisions of 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 are met by the foregoing statement.

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